

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT:	Trond Loevli et al.	)	
		)	Group Art Unit: 1624
SERIAL NO:	10/552,118	)	
		)	Before Examiner:
FILED:	April 13, 2007	)	Brenda Libby Coleman
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FOR:	PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF	)	Confirmation No.: 4063
	STEROIDAL CARBOTHIOIC ACID DERIVATIVES	)	
	AND INTERMEDIATES	)	

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. §121**

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 8, 2010. The Examiner contends that: Group I, Claims 1-8, drawn to the process of preparing a steroidal carbothioic acid of formula (IV); Group II, Claims 9-16, drawn to the process of preparing a steroidal carbothioate of formula (I); Group III, Claims 17-19, drawn to the compounds of formula (III); and Group IV, Claim 20, drawn to the compounds of formula (VI). Pursuant to MPEP §§806.04, 806.05(c), 806.05(d), 808.01, and 35 U.S.C. §121 the Examiner requires restriction between Groups I, II, III and IV.